



STATE OF WASHINGTON
BOARD OF PILOTAGE COMMISSIONERS

STATEMENT OF POLICY

**REGARDING: Qualifications of Pilot Applicants Under WAC 363-116-075
When Experience is on Vessels Employing More Than One
Master**

The Board is aware that vessel owners of certain classes of vessels may require that two masters, a senior and a junior master, be employed.

The Board will consider the time as a junior master to be qualifying time as a master under WAC 363-116-075 if the pilot applicant can demonstrate clearly to the satisfaction of the Board, by copy of company policy or otherwise, that the qualifying time was obtained while on a vessel for which the owner required junior masters to (1) hold a master's license for not less than the tonnage of the vessel, or a minimum of 1600 GRT whichever is greater, (2) have previous experience on board that type of vessel as a chief or first officer, and (3) where the duties of the junior master include responsibilities relative to the shipboard navigation, operation, and ship handling similar to the sole master on one-master vessels.